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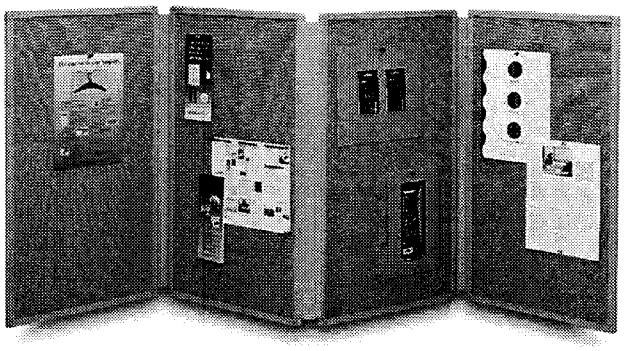
Tabletop Display



The Nabb Center is looking to acquire a new tabletop display through donations from the Nabb neighborhood. The tabletop display that we are interested in purchasing would be the perfect backdrop for displaying exhibit materials. With the help of donations, we would like to obtain this double-sided panel which easily folds for transportation in its carrying case – truly a vital asset for the Nabb Center.

The Nabb Research Center depends upon the generosity of its members.

Please help us advance preservation and your heritage by remembering the Nabb Research Center in your will and estate planning.

Thank you!

Poplar Hill Mansion: Bicentennial

by Jason Illari, Nabb Research Center Graduate Assistant and Curator of Poplar Hill Mansion

Located in "Newtown" Salisbury, Poplar Hill Mansion is celebrating its 200th anniversary April 30. Salisbury's first prominent physician, Dr. John D. Huston completed the home in 1805. After passing through a series of families and other private owners, Poplar Hill was eventually purchased by Wicomico County in 1970. Since 1974 the mansion has been owned by the City of Salisbury in the public trust. Upcoming events at the mansion have been planned to celebrate its bicentennial anniversary including a dinner to be held on Saturday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. Call 410-749-1776 for more information. The Nabb Research Center is currently featuring a small display (until May 31) exhibiting the mansion along with some of its material culture artifacts.

Wroten's *Assateague*

William H. Wroten Jr., former professor and department chair of history at Salisbury University, has instructed Tidewater Publishers to turn over all royalties to his book, *Assateague*, to the Nabb Research Center. Wroten documents the otherwise unwritten history of Assateague Island, from the earliest Indians to the latest light station. Other subjects tackled in Assateague include early explorers of the islands, settlements, ponies, past storms and even shipwrecks. The Nabb Center is very thankful to Dr. Wroten for this newest addition to his already generous list of donations. We kindly urge anyone interested in Assateague Island history to purchase a copy of this book at their local bookstore.

Garden Heirlooms: Understanding Your Garden's Horticultural Roots Workshop Friday, April 22

Ginny Rosenkranz and Laura Romaneo present a workshop on preserving native plant species and those that have acclimated to our region. Whether it's keeping roses from a wedding or plants from grandma's garden, this workshop will educate anyone interested in the preservation process, from cutting and transplanting to rooting and seed saving. We invite those interested to bring their own plants. The workshop will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the Nabb Research Center. Call 410-543-6312 for details and reservations.

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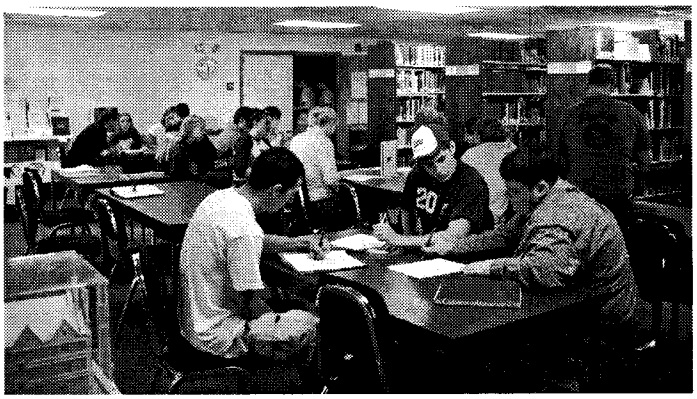
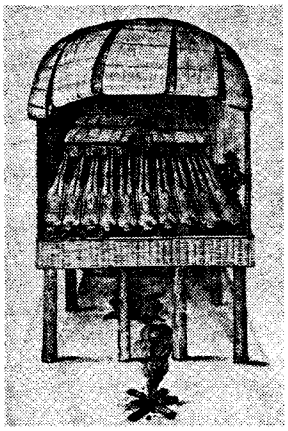


Please Help Build the Nabb Center

Clearfield Company's March newsletter has the following books that would be very useful for local genealogists and historians. The Nabb Center would greatly appreciate any donations to help purchase these materials.

Later Scots-Irish Links, 1725-1825	$14.95
Scottish Soldiers in Colonial America Parts One & Two	$12.50
Scottish Soldiers in Colonial America Part Three	$12.50

Speaking Among the Ancestors: The Salisbury Burial Site



In honor of Archaeology Month, Salisbury University Professor and Nabb advisory board member Beth Ragan has organized a presentation on the Ossuary discovered last year near the Wicomico River. To be held Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the University's Henson Science Building 103. Speakers include: Native American representatives Sewell Fitzhugh and Mary Hope, archeologists Virginia Busby, Ed Otter and Beth Ragan and anthropologist Dana Kollmann. This seminar is sponsored by the Nabb Research Center, Salisbury University and the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs. For information contact the Nabb Center at 410-543-6312

April Is National Volunteers' Month

The Nabb Research Center thanks all who have volunteered their time and energy in helping us further our goals. In addition, a deserving recognition is extended to Pat Taylor as the Nabb Volunteer coordinator – Thank you!